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For: ISOLATED DNA MOLECULE  
ENCODING RANK LIGAND (as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Title:

Please delete the present title and substitute therefor:

-- ISOLATED DNA MOLECULE ENCODING RANK LIGAND --.

In the Drawings:

Please cancel Figure 4 from the application.

Please cancel Figure 5 from the application.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 5, after "This application" please insert -- is a divisional of co-pending  
A1 U.S. patent application 08/995,659, filed December 22, 1997, which is --.

At page 3, please delete the text at lines 9-13.

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